

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A sanitary napkin comprising:

an elongate upper layer portion comprising an elongate absorbent body having front and rear end portions, and an intermediate central portion; and

a lower layer portion comprising a pair of left and right wing portions disposed at longitudinally opposite left and right sides of said absorbent body, said left and right wing portions extending along the entire left and right sides of said absorbent body, wherein a rearmost portion of each said left and right wing portions terminates at and is co-extensive with a rearmost portion of said rear end portion of said elongate absorbent body, each said left and right wing portions extending laterally from said rear end portion of said elongate absorbent body such that a lateral extent of each said left and right wing portions is spaced a distance from said elongate absorbent body, said distance decreasing from said rear end portion toward an intermediate central portion of said elongate absorbent body, and

wherein each of said left and right wing portions includes a liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core that comprises a sheet-like material of embossed absorption paper,

wherein the liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core is larger than the elongate absorbent body in the width dimension at the rear end portion,

wherein at a skin contactable portion of the sanitary napkin, which contacts a liquid-discharging portion of a wearer, a gather is formed on an edge end portion of the elongate absorbent body by an elastic contractive force,

wherein the elongate absorbent core and the liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core are not directly contacted with each other, and

after 1 minute after dropping 1 g of a physiological solution of sodium chloride from about 1 cm above the absorbent core onto the liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core under conditions of 20 °C and humidity of 65%, the solution disperses to an area of the wing portion absorbent core measuring no larger than 80 cm².

2. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein said absorbent body includes a liquid retentive body absorbent core, and wherein said body absorbent core and said wing portion absorbent core are isolated from each other through an isolating member.

3. **(Cancelled)**

4. **(Previously Presented)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein after 1 minute after dropping the 1 g of the physiological solution onto said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core, the solution disperses onto an area of the wing portion absorbent core measuring approximately 50 cm² and not exceeding 80 cm², said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core being comprised of absorption paper which is embossed in a dotted pattern of 1 to 30 dots/cm².

5. **(Previously Presented)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein said wing portion absorbent core measures 20 to 500 g in buckling strength.

6. **(Withdrawn)** A sanitary napkin comprising:
an absorbent body; and
a pair of left and right wing portions disposed at longitudinal opposite left and right sides of said absorbent body,

wherein each of said wing portions is formed by laminating an absorptive sheet to at least one other sheet, said absorptive sheet and said at least one other sheet being provided under said absorbent body and extending outwardly on the right and left sides thereof, said absorptive sheet and said at least one other sheet being bonded to each other with an adhesive agent over substantially an entirety thereof, except that said absorptive sheet and said at least one other sheet are not bonded to each other at non-coated areas of a predetermined width formed on said wing portions along opposite side edges of said absorbent body.

7. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 6, wherein said at least one other sheet is an antileakage sheet and said absorptive sheet is placed on said antileakage sheet.

8. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 7, wherein said absorptive sheet is provided on an upper surface side thereof with a liquid-permeable sheet in such a manner as to cover said absorptive sheet.

9. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 6, wherein said wing portion comprises a pair of left and right front wing portions disposed at longitudinal opposite left and right sides of said absorbent body on a side of a front zone thereof and a pair of left and right rear wing portions disposed at longitudinal opposite left and right sides of said absorbent body on a side of a rear zone thereof.

10. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 9, further comprising:

an elongate upper layer portion comprised of a body absorbent core and a liquid-permeable topsheet disposed in such a manner as to cover upper and side surfaces of said body absorbent core; and

a lower layer portion comprised of a liquid-impermeable antileakage sheet, a liquid-permeable sheet having a generally same configuration as said antileakage sheet and an absorptive sheet interposed between said liquid-impermeable antileakage sheet and said liquid-permeable sheet, said lower layer portion being enlarged in width dimension on a side of the front zone and the rear zone,

said elongate upper layer portion being placed on said liquid-permeable sheet of said lower layer portion such that longitudinal opposite side portions of said lower layer portion, which are enlarged in width dimension, may extend from a longitudinal side edge of said upper layer portion, and,

said front and rear wing portions being formed extended portions of said lower layer portion.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein said wing portion absorbent core extends substantially an entire length of said sanitary napkin.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein each of said wing portions includes a liquid-permeable top sheet and a liquid-impermeable back sheet with said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core located therebetween, said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core extending substantially an entire width of said sanitary napkin in partial overlapping relationship with said elongate absorbent body.

13. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein each of said wing portions includes a liquid-permeable top sheet and a liquid-impermeable back sheet with said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core located therebetween, said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core including left and right portions extending laterally in non-overlapping relation from said elongate absorbent body.

14. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 6, wherein said absorbent sheet and said other sheet each extend substantially an entire width of said sanitary napkin in partial overlapping relationship with said elongate absorbent body.

15. **(Withdrawn)** A sanitary napkin, comprising:
an elongate absorbent body; and
a pair of left and right rear wing portions disposed at longitudinal opposite left and right sides of said absorbent body in a rear zone thereof,

wherein each of said rear wing portions includes a liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core extending substantially an entire width of said sanitary napkin in partial overlapping relationship with said elongate absorbent body,

wherein said absorbent body includes a liquid-retentive body absorbent core, and

wherein said body absorbent core and said wing portion absorbent core are isolated from each other through an isolating member.

16. **(Cancelled)**

17. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 15, wherein after 1 minute after dropping 1 g of a physiological solution of sodium chloride onto a liquid-retentive body absorbent core, the solution disperses to an area of the wing portion absorbent core measuring no larger than 80 cm².

18. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 15, wherein said wing portion absorbent core is comprised of an embossed absorptive paper.

19. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 15, wherein after 1 minute after dropping the 1 g of the physiological solution onto said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core, the solution disperses onto an area of the wing portion absorbent core measuring approximately 50 cm² and not exceeding 80 cm², said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core being comprised of absorption paper which is embossed in a dotted pattern of 1 to 30 dots/cm².

20. **(Withdrawn)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 15, wherein each of said wing portions includes a liquid-permeable top sheet and a liquid-impermeable back sheet with said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core located therebetween.

21. **(Previously Presented)** The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein said left and right wing portions include portions disposed between said intermediate central portion and said front end portion of said elongate body which extend laterally from said elongate absorbent body a distance greater than said left and right wing portions extend laterally from said elongate absorbent body adjacent said intermediate central portion and said front end portion.